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Re: **AMENDMENT**
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Ser. No.: **09/660027**
File Date: **September 12, 2000**
Title: **Cable Modem Termination System For
Upstream Frequency Band**

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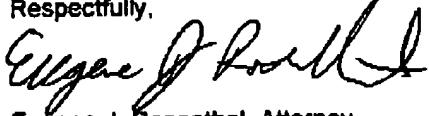
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Enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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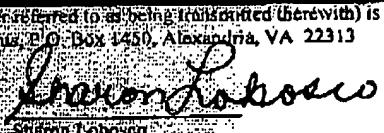
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RESPONSE

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2004.

Remarks

Claim 8 remains pending in the application.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) in view of WO 00/28712, hereinafter Jones et al. The Office Action states that Jones et al. teaches all the elements of claim 8, except for reducing the prescribed period of time and repeating the searching step when the searching step failed to find a channel with an acceptable noise level over the prescribed period. However, the Office Action further states that Jones et al. teaches that when the searching step failed to find a channel with an acceptable noise level over the prescribed period, the steps of reducing the specified bandwidth and repeating the searching step should be performed. However, suggests the Office Action, the step of reducing the prescribed period would be obvious from the step of reducing the bandwidth by Jones et al., since changing a search parameter is mere design choice.

Applicant respectfully disagrees and traverses this ground of rejection for the following reasons.